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## Travel Alert issued for Bismarck area

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has issued a **Travel Alert** for Bismarck and the surrounding area. Areas west of Bismarck are ice covered and as the storm moves east, road conditions may continue to turn to ice and deteriorate. There is a potential that the Travel Alert will turn to a No Travel Advised. Plows will be out tonight and early tomorrow morning.

The **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for the southwest region of North Dakota due to heavy snowfall and low visibility on the roadway. The No Travel Advisory also includes Killdeer, Beulah, Dickinson, Belfield, Richardton, Bowman, New England, Hettinger, Mott and the surrounding areas. This includes **Interstate 94** from the Montana border to Hebron.

**Travel Alerts - are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions may be encountered on roadways.** Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.

**No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure.** No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For up-to-date road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: [www.511.nd.gov](http://www.511.nd.gov) for road and weather conditions.